

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Cheu for the telephone message of December 19, 2006. In particular, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for agreeing to re-examine all of the claims if one of the groups was found to be allowable in view of the prior art.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2006, the claims were divided into two groups: Group I, drawn to claims 18, 20, and 22-24; and Group II, drawn to claims 25-32.

In response, applicants elect Group II, claims 25-32, with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement as currently set forth for the following reasons. To be valid, a restriction requirement must establish both that (1) the "inventions" are either independent or distinct, and (2) that examination of more than one of the "inventions" would constitute a burden to the Examiner. Applicants note that the restriction requirement does not provide sufficient basis to indicate that examination of more than one of the groups would overly burden the Examiner. Specifically, both groups are drawn to a method of detecting the ability of a substance to bind to platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (α PDGFR). Because all of the claims relate to detecting the ability of a substance to bind to α PDGFR, examining them together would not cause an undue burden upon the Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

Favorable consideration of claims 18, 20, and 22-32 is earnestly solicited.

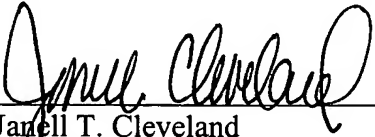
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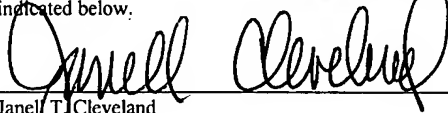
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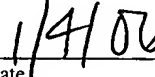

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